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**From:** Meckles, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Fri 11/18/2016 1:53:52 AM  
**Subject:** RE: FOR THURSDAY - Update on Dailey lawsuit/EPA testing in Bridgeton

Thank you.

And thank you for taking my call after business hours.

Confirming receipt and embargo of the below statement until after 9:00pm central time.

Jennifer

**From:** Washburn, Ben [mailto:washburn.ben@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2016 7:34 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: FOR THURSDAY - Update on Dailey lawsuit/EPA testing in Bridgeton

Hi Jennifer,

Here is the statement. Per our conversation, please keep under embargo until 9:00.

STATEMENT:

Dawn and Karen,

We are taking seriously the allegations in the lawsuit and the concerns of the community.

I was thankful for the chance to hear more from you and Robbin Dailey earlier today by phone and am sorry we aren't available to attend the meeting tonight. I want you to know that EPA takes very seriously any public health threat due to potential environmental exposures and recognize the concern in the community about the

information in the lawsuit that was filed this week on behalf of the Daileys.

As we discussed this morning, EPA has requested all available data from the Hausfeld law firm. The data will help us develop a scientifically sound plan for conducting sampling at the Dailey home and potentially other areas in Bridgeton. Ultimately we remain committed to the protection of the Bridgeton community, and keeping the lines of communication open.

Mark Hague

EPA Region 7 Administrator

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 17, 2016, at 4:57 PM, Meckles, Jennifer <[jmeckles@ksdk.com](mailto:jmeckles@ksdk.com)> wrote:

Angela and team,

My name is Jennifer Meckles, I'm a reporter at KSDK-TV in St. Louis.

Angela, you spoke to my colleague Jeanie earlier this week (she shared the statement from Tuesday below).

I'm working on an update for this story this evening.

Today, we received a copy of a letter from the EPA to the attorneys who filed the lawsuit that says the agency is now preparing a plan to sample dust/soil at the Dailey's home and "and other areas of Bridgeton."

(attached)

Can you share any more details about that plan – or is there an updated statement on this issue you can share?

Thank you.

**I'm updating this for our broadcasts TONIGHT (Thursday – 6pm/10pm)**

Please forgive me for the late-day request – this just came to my desk about 15 minutes ago.

You can reach me anytime tonight by email or cell

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Thank you,

Jennifer

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**Subject:** FW: RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONFIRMED IN HOME AND BUSINESS - FROM  
JUST MOMS

Hi, Jeanie.

Pasted below is the EPA statement.

Thank you,

Angela

EPA has not received any new data regarding any migration off-site of radiologically impacted material (RIM) from the West Lake Landfill. As we have previously stated, if individuals have new scientifically valid data that we could evaluate they should share that with EPA.

The protection of human health and the environment remains EPA's highest priority at the West Lake site and all current, scientifically valid, data available to EPA demonstrate no off-site health risk to residents or employees in the local area.

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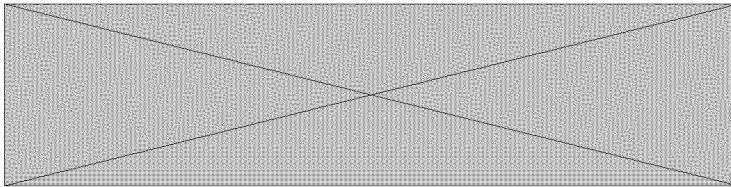
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONFIRMED INSIDE FAMILY HOME AND BUSINESS SURROUNDING WEST LAKE LANDFILL**

**St. Louis, MO** – Radioactive waste tied to the Manhattan Project has been found inside a family home in the Spanish Village neighborhood and at a nearby business. The neighborhood and business are both located near the West Lake Landfill, which houses radioactive waste dating back to World War II. This discovery is yet another piece of evidence validating the need for relocation of families within one mile of the landfill.

Karen Nickel with Just Moms STL says, “Allowing people to live inside of homes that are contaminated with the world’s oldest nuclear weapons waste is unacceptable and extremely irresponsible.”

For over five years, the community has endured breathing in toxic fumes from the underground fire at the landfill and there’s no clear end in sight. The Missouri Attorney General indicates a Chernobyl-like event could occur if/when the underground fire collides with the Manhattan Project waste. The schools in the area are on alert for a shelter-in-place event and have asked parents to stock-pile their children’s medication at school in the event they cannot be released.

There is a higher than normal incidence of brain cancer in children under 17 in areas around the West Lake Landfill. Families are sick with bloody noses, asthma, and other respiratory illness and often keep children indoors because the toxic odors are so bad.

Just Moms STL is calling on EPA Federal Administrator Gina McCarthy to use her power under CERCLA and Governor Jay Nixon to relocate families today.

Community Meeting hosted by Just Moms STL this Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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